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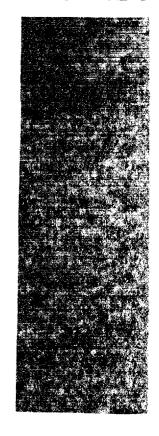
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Gleam of gold on the hide of a newly hatched Komodo dims with maturity. "The 21½-inch baby weighed next to nothing," said the author. It coiled inside a shell the size of a goose egg.







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folds of skin on their flanks will stretch smooth after a full meal. When angered, the reptiles puff out their necks. Speckles of bony calcium make the scaly hide valueless for handbags and shoes.

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